Aquatics, Athletics, Badminton, Boxing, Cycling, Gymnastics,Hockey, Lawn Bowls, Netball, Rugby 7's, Shooting, Squash, Table Tennis, Weightlifting and Wrestling.

The inclusion of the following three disciplines is subject to the approval of Executive Board of the Commonwealth Games Federation which is to meet in October-November, 2006:

Archery, Billiards and Snooker and Tennis.

(b) Of the discipline already approved, the discipline of Wrestling will be a new addition to the Commonwealth Games, 2010 since it was not included in the Commonwealth Games, 2006.

Encouragement to women and girls in sports for Commonwealth Games 2010

2256. SHRI R. SHUNMUGASUNDARAM: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the plans and programmes to encourage women and girls in sports for their preparations to participate in the 2010 Delhi Commonwealth Games; and

(b) the number of women in sports who have been identified for encouragement in our country?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) The Government is holding discussions with the Indian Olympic Association, the Organising Committee of the Commonwealth Games-2010, the Sports Authority of India and various National Sports Federations in respect of preparation of teams and enhancement of medal prospects with reference to the Commonwealth Games-2010. In this process identification of promising sportspersons in the women's and girls category is also being given due consideration with the aim of being able to provide the required assistance, and put in place other arrangements for their preparations. The preparation of women and girls in sports is also being seriously encouraged.

(b) At present, 2904 women are being imparted training under various Sports Promotional Schemes being run by the Sports Authority of India.